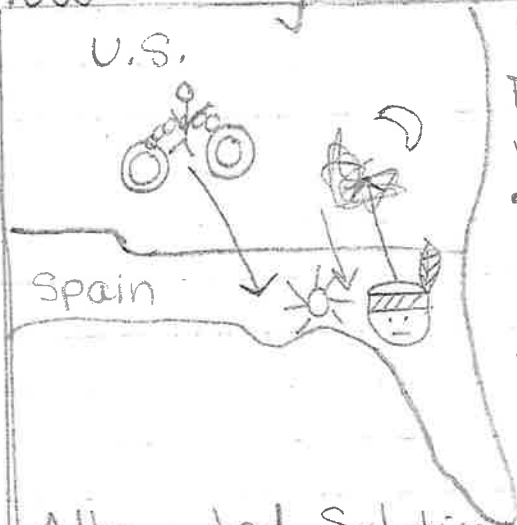


Florida

E.Q: How & why did the U.S. acquire Florida? ^(gain)



The Problem:

Farmers in the Southeast were upset because:

- Native Americans were destroying property on farms then hiding in Florida
- Slaves were running away
- And Spain was doing nothing to help.

Attempted Solution:

- President Monroe sent General Andrew Jackson with his troops to patrol the border between the U.S. & Florida.
- Instead, he invaded Florida and took over the government.
- So Spain was upset and demanded Jackson be punished.

Actual Solution:

- Monroe sent a message to Spain saying govern Florida properly or get out
- Spain decided to get out
- The U.S. agreed to pay off \$5 million in farmer's claims against Spain and to honor Spain's claim to Texas
- Some Americans weren't happy because they thought Texas was more valuable than Florida.